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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

## Office of the Secretary

Defense Policy Board; Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

**AGENCY**: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

**ACTION**: Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY**: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. §552b, as amended) the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Policy Board (hereafter referred to as "the DPB").

**DATES:** From Tuesday, March 6, 2012 (8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) through Wednesday, March 7, 2012 (7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) the DPB will hold a quarterly meeting under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. §552b, as amended).

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Ms. Ann Hansen, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000. Phone: (703) 571-9232.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of Meeting:** To obtain, review and evaluate classified information related to the DPB's mission to advise on: (a) issues central to strategic DoD planning; (b) policy implications of U.S. force structure and force modernization and on DoD's ability to execute U.S. defense strategy; (c) U.S. regional defense policies; and (d) other research and analysis of topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary or the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

**Meeting Agenda:** Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on March 6 through the end of the meeting on March 7, the DPB will have secret through top secret (SCI) level discussions on national security matters that will deal with potential threats and broad national security issues within the Pacific Rim.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552b, as amended, and 41 CFR §102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), in consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions fall under the purview of 5 U.S.C. §552b(c)(1) and are so inextricably intertwined with unclassified material that they cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing secret or classified material.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR §§ 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the DPB at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the DPB's Designated Federal Officer; the Designated Federal Officer's contact information can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database – https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the DPB may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all committee members.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

Aaron Siegel, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,

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